



## Archaeology News



- *from the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA), office of the Indiana State Archaeologist*

- **Conducting fieldwork in Indiana** - For qualified archaeologists conducting fieldwork in our state, we have a few helpful reminders to pass along. When asked to do archaeology, please make sure that you have documentation in hand that authorizes that work. If the project is being conducted under Section 106, the client or lead federal agency should be able to provide you with a copy of documentation that the work is being required. If the project is being conducted on state property, you must have documentation that an approved plan (under Indiana Code [IC] 14-21-1) for the work has been issued. In addition, if the project is to be on private property, and isn't conducted under Section 106, an approved plan under IC 14-21-1 is also required if any level of work beyond surface survey will be conducted. Always make sure that landowner permission has been obtained, and that curation issues have been addressed as well. It is also best if you carry with you in the field the documentation requiring the investigation in case you are questioned by law enforcement officials. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact our office at 317/232-1646.

**Reminder!**

Become familiar with the laws which govern disturbing the ground for the purpose of discovering artifacts. Our webpage ([http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/archeo\\_id.html](http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/archeo_id.html)) is a good place to start.



- **Changes at DHPA-** Jon C. Smith, former Director of the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology, and Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, has begun his new job in Washington, D.C. Jon is now the Assistant Associate Director Heritage Preservation Assistance Programs, Cultural Resources, National Park Service. He is overseeing the Heritage Preservation Assistance Programs, which include: the Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives Program; the National Heritage Areas Program; the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training (NCPTT) located in Natchitoches, Louisiana; the American Battlefield Protection Program; the Federal Preservation Institute; the Heritage Education Services Program; and



Jon C. Smith at an Indiana Archaeology Month event several years ago.

the Historic Preservation Grants Program. When the new Director of the DHPA is announced, we will let you know. It continues to be a time of transitions in our office.

- **Indiana Archaeology Month is approaching-** Indiana Archaeology Month (September) will be here before we know it! Hosts have been supplying event information to us, and people are planning and preparing. It is certainly not too late to consider being an event host,



and participating in this exciting month. In order to have activities listed in the official Calendar of Events, don't forget to contact Amy Johnson, Archaeology Outreach Coordinator, at [ajohnson@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:ajohnson@dnr.IN.gov) or 317/232-1646. Also, continue to check the official Indiana Archaeology Month webpage

([www.IN.gov/dnr/historic/archeomonth.html](http://www.IN.gov/dnr/historic/archeomonth.html)) for additions such as information regarding this year's commemorative posters and shirts!

Publicity poster produced by the Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Department for their activities during September's Indiana Archaeology Month.



- **Presentation by State Archaeologist-** On July 30<sup>th</sup>, Indiana State Archaeologist Dr. Rick Jones will give a presentation for the archaeology branch of the 500 Earth Sciences Club, Indianapolis. Dr. Jones will speak about archaeology in Indiana. This is the first presentation to this group that our office has given, and we are excited about this new opportunity.

Dr. Rick Jones,  
Indiana State  
Archaeologist.



- **Representation at the Native American Indian Affairs Commission meeting-** State Archaeologist Dr. Rick Jones represented DNR Director Kyle Hupfer at the June meeting of the Native American Indian Affairs Commission. The Commission was created by Indiana Code 4-4-31.4 and shall study problems common to Native American Indian residents of Indiana in the areas of employment, education, civil rights, health, and housing. Dr. Jones answered questions from the members regarding recent archaeological discoveries in the state.

- **Site Visit to HPF funded grant project-** On June 20<sup>th</sup>, State Archaeologist Dr. Rick Jones conducted an official site visit to the archaeological excavation at a multicomponent site at Prophetstown State Park, Tippecanoe County. The Archaeological Survey of IPFW is conducting these exciting archaeological investigations and received an Historic Preservation Fund grant (administered by the DHPA) to help fund the work. Dr. Jones was given a tour of the site and got to see some of the archaeological features and artifacts that are being uncovered at this mixed French and Wea Indian town that was burned by the Kentucky militia in 1791.



Portion of the excavation area with archaeological features (large pit with fire cracked rock; pit [hearth?] with burned material) exposed.



Archaeologists mapping (foreground) and screening for artifacts at this important site.

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